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EDITOR CITIZEN:

If I took a liberty in addressing an inquiry of a public nature to one of the public press, the readers of the CITIZEN have learned before now what I got for my pains. At the outset of an editorial of over a column in length an answer was promised to the inquiry, but look as I did for its forthcoming I finally realized it had got lost in the shuffle in the series of paragraphs given to attacks on me, the bludgeoning of others over my shoulders who are imaginary, so far as I know, and other queer doings in digressing from the point of the inquiry. The editorial certainly radiated at a wonderful rapidity to cover the sphere of those influences which seem to control you, but I saw no scintillation from the rays, or to use your novel figure, it certainly shot scattering enough to bring down almost everything if only it had been shot with force enough, squirrel, knots and all. Neither shall I admit the age is altogether prosaic, for even there is poetry of a kind, and some sentiment in the mad gush of irrelevancy we sometime see in the defenses of the editorial "we" against warlocks and witches, or the defences made from behind that much abused pronoun. Indeed, fury is sometimes presented in rhythmic full-hardness. Now, my own insignificance aside; my style of speech aside; who my associates are; my "environments" aside, which if you multiply too many times I must surely be outside; how I stand in any of my private relations, the public can have no deep concern unless they become publicly offensive. Without warrant, would the CITIZEN make me out offensive in this respect?

By a little analyzing, what I might say of the editorial, aside; its manner, its frothing, its word and sentence structure, its grammar, and matters with which I have no abiding concern. But you should be reminded I have no part in your political fights and strife here in this country. Just lately returned to almost the spot of my birth, I have looked on in wonder at the feud carried on by Democrats in Lancaster against each other. The ear and eye are the chief organs of the sentiment being. In feud either side is likely to do things no outsider would commend, and I can but be impressed the editorial in question was inspired in main by that spirit because I am on friendly terms and am neighbor of certain gentlemen in the Litwalton precinct. But pass all these by.

Many utterances in the CITIZEN I applaud; our national politics appear to coincide in principle if not in policy. Only to call attention to your shooting so scattering should I criticize the editorial further, and only in the way of interrogatory. How does one insinuate when a direct question is asked? I do not see the jugglery with truth when you repeat in the editorial the same condemnation, previously denying in the same my statement, which prompted my inquiry based on your prior condemnations of precise import. If one says a thing is untrue, does he not condemn it? When did I desire any secret converse with you? Heart to heart talk over policy in matters political; to blind or hood-wink somebody is a task I seek with none. As an economic proposition, did I hint the CITIZEN condemned 16 to 1? But both before and after the Kansas City convention I did intimate that right along it condemned its adoption as a platform tenet. If this distinction had been observed I should rather believe you would have given my letter a fairer interpretation, instead of scattering it over with diatribe. "Mr. Chinn's Bait" was nothing more than a desire to see the difference made clearer between principle and policy, the one a living faith, the other a game. I care not how long the line or how illustrious the names who would make a play at policy in a profession of faith, I yet follow my standard-bearer who, understanding the beliefs and expectations of the Democratic masses throughout these States better than any other man, has unwaveringly coordinated his principle with this popular sentiment, and could maintain it rather than have a presidential nomination. With such a character, known to all, that was why policy flew out the window at Kansas City when that man spoke to resume its talk over the country of condemnation and foreboding. Instigated by the great money holders, not you, Mr. Editor, but the Republican leaders made 16 to 1 the "boggy-man," and when from Democratic sources the unthinking hear the voice of relegation, suppression, nullification only, etc., they must feel that, after all, what is said against 16 to 1 must be true. So far as advocating a principle goes, this talk about the money question, being settled for six years to come, and so should be dropped in discussion, it seems to me, the most transparent of policy talk. Take a common sense view of it: Then what a wild-goose chase that was it

assembling at Kansas City to formulate any Democratic principle at all since the Republican Senate for the next six years could kick out any attempt at carrying such principles into effect. Anti-imperialism, to be sure, is the paramount issue, made so in the nature of things, as it is fundamental of government, while the economic demand of 16 to 1 is an incident like anti-trust, anti-prosperity tariff, etc., which must be subordinated until the stability is assured we have a government by and for the whole people. Playing policy never won in the long run. It implies personal ambition, spoils-hunting, compromise, straddling, political cowardice. Once let it get fixed in the popular mind by the political opponent that a party is practicing it, then good-bye to that party. Its epitaph is self-written. In our brief history, how many wrecks do we count along the wayside? Men and parties, because of a perchance for playing at political policy.

Respectfully,
WM. Y. CHINN.

(Communicated.)
LETTER FROM MISSIONARY IN CHINA.

EDITOR CITIZEN—I have just received intelligence from a young friend in China, Rev. J. A. G. Shipley, who went out as a missionary about two years ago, which I thought might be of interest to your readers. There is no disturbance as yet in his section of the country, but he says that "for safety and as a precaution the ladies have gone to Shanghai in case the turbulent element should become troublesome."

He says further "the authorities are acting with much promptness and vigor to suppress any uprising, and have visited the missions in person to assure the missionaries of their purpose to protect them from harm or violence. The chief authorities in this locality are very friendly to foreigners and are using every means for their protection."

Before going to China, Mr. Shipley was engaged to be married to Miss Mary Wood, of Botetourt county, Virginia, a young lady who had graduated at the Scarritt Biblical Training School and proposed to go as a missionary. The letter says that Mr. Shipley will sail for Japan July 21st and Miss Wood from San Francisco, California, July 10, and that if there was any hazard in going to China they would remain in Japan and take mission work there. Bishop Wilson was to hold the Japan mission Conference July 25 at Hiroshima, Japan; the Korean Mission Conference September 15, and the China Mission Conference at Shanghai October 18.

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OYSTERMEN PASS RESOLUTIONS.

At a mass-meeting of the oystermen of Westmoreland county, living in the vicinity of Curriamian bay, the following committee was elected to draft resolutions in reference to the proposed leasing of certain portions of Curriamian bay for oyster planting purposes, namely: R. B. Reed, J. L. Reed and W. H. Doleman. These gentlemen reported the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

1st: That Curriamian bay being a natural oyster rock, we do hereby protest against the leasing or renting out to any parties or syndicate to the exclusion of our tonguers who depend upon the said rock for their living.

2nd: That in view of the fact that Curriamian bay was omitted in the Baylor survey we claim the right to work the said rock in said bay as we have heretofore done and in the usual way and to the exclusion of all renters.

3rd: We furthermore ask the prompt action of the Board of Fisheries through our counsel in regard to our action in a survey of the ground in controversy.

On motion of J. H. Chandler the secretary was requested to furnish a copy of proceedings of the meeting to the VIRGINIA CITIZEN and the Northern Neck News, with the request that they publish same.

R. B. REED,
J. L. REED,
W. H. DOLEMAN, Committee.

FOUND SKELETON UNDER PORCH.

Hiding Place Revealed to Boy by a "Voice."

At Flemingsburg, Ky., the skeleton of a man was found under the ground floor of the residence recently occupied by Augustine Sanford, a few days ago. The discovery was made under peculiar circumstances. About fifteen or twenty years ago a man of the name of Bradshaw who by profession was a dentist, was boarding with Mr. Sanford. Bradshaw was the owner of some fast horses, which he put in training on a track opened on Sanford's farm. After a time Bradshaw disappeared suddenly, together with his stock. He was indebted to several persons, who, upon his disappearance, sought the payment of their bills, but as neither he nor his property could be found they abandoned the effort.

The matter of his disappearance passed from the public mind until about the middle of May last, when the son of Mr. Black, about ten years of age, claims that on one Sunday afternoon, about sundown, a white sheet appeared before him, at which he threw a rock, when the apparition changed to a white calf, when, in his fright he ran to the house and told his father what he had seen. His parents endeavored to persuade him that he was laboring under a delusion.

On the following day the boy went to the barn nearby, where he saw the same white calf, and asked: "What are you doing here and what is your name?" The calf disappeared and a voice answered: "Bald Thorn, I want to tell you something about my life," and continued the conversation at intervals for some two or three weeks, until about a week ago the voice told him that he was Dr. Bradshaw, the dentist; that while residing at the place he had gone to the orchard, where he was killed with a shotgun. He said that he was dragged by the parties to the trapdoor in the ground floor of the house, through which his body was taken and conveyed some distance and buried under the floor, about twelve or fifteen inches deep. Upon these statements the parents of the boy proceeded to an investigation in verification of the boy's story.

Beneath the trap door there is but a small excavation of but a few feet square, the floor varying from a foot to two and a half feet above the ground at all other points. The body designated the identical spot where he said the remains were and the floor was raised by Tennessee Dyer, Mr. Smothers, Mr. Kissick and Mat Dearing, neighbors of Mr. Black. Upon removal of the earth to a depth of twelve or fifteen inches the bones of a fully developed human were found and also bones that appeared to be those of an infant.

The father and boy came to town with Mat Dearing and brought the bones to the office of Dr. H. C. Kehoe, who compared them with those of a human skeleton and found them to correspond with the human body.

The boy claims that he is admonished by his ghostly visitor to take charge of the remains and inter them in the locust grove near by, when all further communication with him will cease. The boy claims he is in almost constant communication with others of his mysterious companions, whose voices he can hear at almost any time. He says it has been revealed to him that the remains of six men, three women and three children are buried under the floor of the house. When the remains were unearthed a part of the clothing of the deceased was found with the bones.

The parents of the boy, becoming nervous and frightened, thought to leave the premises when the voice, through the son, informed them that all that was wanted at their hands was the removal of the remains and a decent burial. The parents are highly respected, and the boy, though only about ten years of age, talks with an intelligence far beyond his years.

This discovery is attended with a mystery that will possibly demand further investigation.

VIRGINIA'S "BOXERS."

(Newport News Herald.)
Their (the "Boxers") slogan, "China for the Chinese," remind us of another expression we have frequently heard; to wit, "Virginia for Virginians." We hear but little of this nowadays in this particular part of Virginia, but in some parts of the State the spirit begotten by this non-sensical cry is still rife and the persecution of "foreigners" even though they merely be from an adjoining State or a distant State, is just as pronounced and just as wicked, though not so severe or dastardly, as that practiced against foreigners who are in China by the Chinese "Boxers."

In a certain sense this local persecution has less to justify it than that inflicted by the "Boxers." The men who invade the dark corners of Virginia come from other States to be-

come Virginians, to engage in business, to develop the old Commonwealth, to invest much needed capital and not to rob and despoil, and yet there are narrow-minded Virginians in many parts of the Commonwealth who have idle lands to sell, undeveloped mines that they cannot utilize and other natural sources of wealth that they themselves cannot make productive, and yet when a customer comes the first question put to him is, "Where are you from?" If the answer be from New York, Massachusetts, Ohio or Alabama, the hide-bound owner, poverty-stricken though he may be, refuses to sell or ask a prohibitive price simply because the would-be customer is not to the manner born. The next Saturday, this poor, but arrogant Virginian may be found about a cross-road grocer, chewing tobacco, whittling sticks and entertaining a crowd of kindred loafers with a threadbare discourse on "Virginia and Virginians."

There are "Boxers" in Virginia as well as in China. There is a vast difference in the methods employed, to be sure, but we have "Virginia Boxers" all the same. That they are rapidly dying out is cause for congratulation.

A CUT IN SUGAR.

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—Catholic Standard.

A new drink known as the "Admiral Sampson" is having almost no sale on account of a report that it kills at forty miles—Richmond News.

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During the recent National Educational Association at Charleston, S. C., the newspapers stated that Prof. Booker T. Washington, the negro educator, was accorded the platform one evening, and that he drew the largest crowd of any speaker during the Association. Something has certainly come over the spirit of the hot-blooded Carolinian, and that something is, in this association, a very commendable disposition of the white man in the South to give the negro fair play and an equal chance when the colored brother displays the proper desire and a worthy character. In ignorance—of any class, race or clime—lies the chief cause of the social, moral and political integrity of a nation.

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